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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

INFO USMISSION GENEVA

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USMTN FOR MTN GENEVA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, MTN, CO

SUBJECT: COLOMBIAN MAXIMUM PRICE REGULATIONS

1. PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS HAVE INFORMED US THAT COLOMBIA MAINTAINS MAXIMUM PRICES FOR CERTAIN IMPORTS WHICH ARE DETERMINED BY THE LOWEST PRICE AT WHICH SUCH PRODUCTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY SOURCE. PRODUCTS WHICH ARE SOLD AT A PRICE WHICH IS HIGHER THAN THE MAXIMUM PRICE ARE NOT GRANTED IMPORT PERMITS. THIS PRACTICE HAS BEEN A PARTICULAR PROBLEM FOR U.S. PHARMACEUTICAL FIRMS WHICH

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OPERATE IN COLOMBIA AND USE INPUTS FROM THEIR PARENT IN THE UNITED STATES. THESE INPUTS, IN MANY CASES, ARE SOLD AT LOWER PRICES BY FIRMS WHICH HAVE INFRINGED ON A U.S. PATENT, PRODUCE A PRODUCT OF INFERIOR QUALITY, OR OPERATE IN A NON-MARKET ECONOMY.

2. USDOC CURRENTLY PREPARING BACKGROUND MATERIALS ON

POTENTIAL MTN NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PROCEDURES FOR NTM'S NDWM. FURTHER INFORMATION WOULD BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING WHETHER COLOMBIAN MAXIMUM PRICE RULES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF MAXIMUM PRICE RULES, DESCRIBE WHICH PRODUCT AREAS THESE RULES ARE APPLIED TO, ASSESS TRADE SIGNIFICANCE AND PROVIDE JUDGEMENT AS TO NEGOTIABILITY OF THIS PRACTICE. CHRISTOPHER

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